



Phone (360) 466-3163

Fax (360) 466-1632

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

A Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Chartered Under The Act of June 18, 1934

17337 Reservation Road

LaConner, Washington 98257

February 23, 2021

Ellen Wheatley
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Director Wheatley:

This letter describes how Swinomish Indian Tribal Community plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. **Direct Services/Subsidies:** we do not plan to use funds in this category
2. **Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices:** we do not plan to use funds in this category
3. **Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers:** we do not plan to use funds in this category
4. **Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic** we do not plan to use funds in this category
5. **Other** – please see below for options we are considering

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community has not yet determined how CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our timeline for deciding how funds will be spent is as follows:

Meeting week of March 1, 2021 with Compliance Department to determine budget for qualifying purchases that fit the needs of the program. Discussion will lead to more specific timeline for purchases.

Options we are considering:

Purchase a mobile classroom unit (36 x 10) with two rooms, with option to convert to one larger room – possible Plexiglas barriers, in order to create a space if isolation is necessary for adult or child

Playground area – to create usable spaces for extending learning and play time outside

- replace older wooden play structures with updated materials that are easier to clean and maintain

- purchase open framed structures with roof to create outdoor classroom space

- purchase large stand-alone shade for coverage of sand play area

- purchase additional outdoor classroom supplies – for example, tables and seating

Invest in outdoor classroom infrastructure, which includes staff training in curriculum

Purchase of cleaning equipment such as a steamer for floor and rugs

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jeanne Robson
Director, Susan Wilbur Early Education Center Preschool and Child Care
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
17337 Reservation Rd
LaConner WA

cc: Paul Noski, Regional Program Manager, Office of Child Care, Region 10
Sarah Stafford, Program Specialist, Office of Child Care, Region 10
Joshua Lee, Program Specialist, Office of Child Care, Region 10